THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Compensation for agricultural loss due to flood and drought in Kerala

859. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister and other Ministers of Kerala have submitted representations for flood and drought relief on various occasions seeking compensation for agriculture loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof including relief sought, relief recommended by committees visited and granted during the last three years, year-wise, category-wise; and

(c) the details of loss of human life and farmers committing suicide due to natural calamity and financial difficulty, due to loss in agriculture and inability to pay back loan to financial institutions, as submitted by competent authority of Kerala during that period, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala reported drought situation of varying magnitude during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04. No loss of life was, however, reported during the years, in wake of drought. For the drought of 2002-03, the State Government submitted one Memorandum and for the drought 2003-04, the State Government submitted two memoranda, for Central assistance and Inter-Ministerial Central Teams visited the State for on-the-spot assessment of the situation. Details regarding assistance sought, assistance approved, etc. for the droughts of 2002-03 and 2003-04 are indicated below:

Drought of 2002-03

National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF)

Assistance sought	Assistance approved*	Assistance released	Foodgrains allocated
(Rs. in crores)			(lakh MTs)
1035.07	13.57	—	0.52
1359.03	49.04	—	0.61
(1st Memo)			
2844.90	2853	—	0.42

* subject to adjustment of available balances in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State.

In response to another Memorandum submitted by the State Government seeking assistance of Rs. 3847 crores for "revival of agriculture sector", a Central team visited the State for assessment of the situation, on the directions of Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The report of the Team is under consideration of the PMO.

Information regarding floods is being collected from the Ministry of Home Affairs, who are concerned in the matter.

Profits of CWC and FCI

860. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and Food Corporation of India (FCI) are earning profits recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the storage capacity of each of these corporations alongwith the percentage capacity utilization during the last three years, separately; and